

DIAGNOSTIC ATTRIBUTES OF FLAKED STONE

Characteristics of note: **1)** Dorsal face of large flake displays multiple flake scars of cortex (natural face of stone). **2)** Ventral face is smooth and contains bulb of percussion (top) and radiating lines of force, resulting in negative correlation between thickness and distance from platform of bulb percussion, **3)** Bulb of percussion is often accompanied by the striking platform. **4)** In general, flaked stone is glassy and smooth (like chert) but grain size can range up to that of coarse sugar (like quartzite). Regardless of grain size, the material is almost always consistent throughout.

